

PATRICK GREEN.

JANUARY 12, 1832.

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Mr. JOHNSON, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Green, report:

That it appears that the said Green was employed to guard the mail, from Baltimore to Havre de Grace, in the year 1822; that during the discharge of his duty in said service, the mail was attacked in the year aforesaid; and, in the faithful and gallant conduct of said Green, in discharge of his said duty, he received a blow on his head from a pistol, by one of the robbers, which greatly affects him, and disables him from gaining a living by hard labor, as will appear by the petition, and other proof in the case, marked A. and to which the committee refer, and make a part of this report. The certificate of the Surgeon General fixes the disability at one half. The committee think the petitioner entitled to relief, and report a bill for a half pension, viz: four dollars per month.

A.

Petition of Patrick Green, praying compensation for injuries sustained in defence of the United States' Mail.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The petition of the subscriber respectfully represents, that in the Spring of the year 1822, he was appointed guard to the great Eastern Mail, between Baltimore and Havre de Grace, which duty he performed without molestation, until the 8th July of the following year, when an attempt was made to rob the mail, near the Great Falls of the Gunpowder, as the following extracts from the New York Gazette will more fully shew.

July 11th, 1823.—“Daring Robbery of the Mail.”

“We yesterday received proof sheets from the several editors in Baltimore, furnishing the particulars of another daring robbery of the mail. Between one and two o'clock this morning, a most daring robbery of the Eastern mail was committed, about two miles east of the Great Falls of the Gunpowder. The mail was on its way from the east to Baltimore, and, at the place above mentioned, was arrested in its progress by a fence which had been erected across the road. The guard was taken about thirty yards from the carriage, where the ruffian who had first struck him stood over him with a pistol presented to his breast. The villain asked the guard why he had fired at him? to which the latter replied he was only doing his duty; that he was sworn to protect the mail. Some of the robbers called out to their comrade to shoot him, or they would shoot him, (the robber.) The guard begged earnestly for his life, as they talked of tying him, and kept him in the most anxious suspense as to his fate. At one time the robber held his hands across the eyes of the guard, for about five minutes. During the time these events took place, (which the guard supposes was about half an hour) the rest of the robbers were engaged in rifling the mail. The robber then directed the guard to set down at the foot of a tree, and not to stir at the peril of his life. The guard was struck across the head with a pistol, with which one of the ruffians was armed; the blow deprived him, for a short time, of his senses.”

“At the spot where the robbery took place, there was a high bank on each side of the road. The guard, Patrick Green, acted with much courage and good conduct, having discharged his blunderbuss at the robbers when they first discovered themselves, and afterwards snapped a pistol at one, and discharged the other pistol at another before they came upon him. It appears it was the last shot from the pistol which wounded Moore in the breast, who was armed with a gun.”

Your petitioner further begs leave to state to your honorable body, that, at the moment the attack was made by the robbers, the driver of the mail deserted him and fled, so that he was left entirely alone to contend with the band. At one time Moore presented a musket to his side, and told him to give up, or he would blow him through. The guard then fired the pistol which wounded Moore severely, and the next instant was struck by Emenheizer, (at whom he had snapped a pistol) across the head, which blow threw him back into the stage, and deprived him of his senses.

From the wound your petitioner received in the head, he was unable to do any thing to advantage for himself for upwards of six months after, being the greater part of the time under the hands of Doctors, and, of course, during that time at a very considerable expense. He is still suffering from the effect of the wound, which, though healed, at times deprives him of the power of earning a subsistence for himself and a helpless family, never having received any compensation for his services and sufferings, other than the amount of his wages for which he contracted.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays your honorable body to afford him such relief as in your wisdom may be deemed expedient and proper. He refers to the annexed certificates for testimonials of character, &c. &c. And as in duty bound will ever pray,

PATRICK GREEN.

NEW YORK, *January 20th, 1830.*

We, the subscribers, being well convinced, from circumstances, that the above petitioner, Patrick Green, has in his foregoing petition, represented a true statement, do most cordially recommend him as a person highly deserving some remuneration from the Government, for services rendered by him in protecting the United States' Mail.

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JOHN LOZIER,
M. M. NOAH,
ROBERT WHITE,
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ROBERT M'QUEEN,

THOMAS MOONEY,
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JEROMUS JOHNSON,
A. W. LENT,
PETER J. NEVINS,
S. CAMBRELENG.

NEW YORK, *January 30th*, 1830.

We, the subscribers, have no hesitation in saying that the bearer, Patrick Green, is the person who risked his life in defending the Great Eastern Mail, while on its way from Philadelphia to Baltimore, in the year 1823, July 5th, against three robbers, namely Emenheizer, Ward, and Moore. Two of said persons were convicted, one turned States' evidence. Emenheizer and Ward, are now, and have been since their conviction, confined in Baltimore county gaol.

J. S. SKINNER,
DAVID BARNUM,
J. I. COHEN, jr. & Brothers,
WILLIAM PATTERSON,

JACOB SMALL, *Mayor*
City of Baltimore,
JOHN C. WHITE,
WILLIAM LORMAN.

BALTIMORE, *June 30th*, 1829.

Patrick Green, the person named in the within note, and who is bearer of this, was employed by us as mail guard at the time mentioned. We take pleasure in bearing testimony to his good conduct on that occasion. His defence of the mail was so spirited, that he wounded two of the robbers, which led to their apprehension on the following morning, and to the recovery of every package of the stolen mail.

STOCKTON & STOKES.

BALTIMORE, *June 30th*, 1829.

